



# *The Journal* OF THE *House of Representatives*

Number 5

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 3:00 p.m.

## Prayer

The following prayer was offered by Chaplain Anthony Clark of the Florida National Guard, upon invitation of Rep. Renuart:

Mark Twain once said that courage is the resistance and mastery of fear, not the absence of fear. With that in mind, please pray with me now as we honor those men and women who resist fear and serve our great state and nation with courage and selfless devotion in the Florida Army and Air National Guard.

Lord God of land, sea, and sky, we thank You for raising up women and men to serve our fellow Floridians, defend our way of life, and preserve the blessings of liberty for us and future generations. May today's Florida National Guard Day remind us all that courage trumps fear and true service requires selfless sacrifice. And we pray this in the name of the One whose perfect love casts out all fear. Amen.

The following members were recorded present:

Session Vote Sequence: 6

Speaker Crisafulli in the Chair.

Yeas—114

Adkins	Dudley	Metz	Rodriguez, R.
Ahern	Eagle	Miller	Rodriguez, J.
Albritton	Edwards	Moraitis	Rogers
Antone	Eisnaugle	Moskowitz	Rooney
Artiles	Fant	Murphy	Rouson
Avila	Fitzenhagen	Narain	Santiago
Baxley	Fresen	Nuñez	Slosberg
Berman	Fullwood	Oliva	Smith
Beshears	Gaetz	O'Toole	Spano
Bileca	Geller	Pafford	Sprolws
Boyd	Gonzalez	Passidomo	Stafford
Bracy	Goodson	Perry	Stark
Brodeur	Hager	Peters	Steube
Broxson	Harrell	Pigman	Stone
Burgess	Harrison	Pilon	Sullivan
Burton	Hill	Plakon	Taylor
Campbell	Hudson	Plasencia	Tobia
Clarke-Reed	Hutson	Porter	Torres
Combee	Ingolia	Powell	Trujillo
Corcoran	Ingram	Pritchett	Trumbull
Cortes, B.	Jacobs	Raburn	Van Zant
Cortes, J.	Jenne	Rader	Watson, B.
Costello	Kerner	Raschein	Watson, C.
Crisafulli	La Rosa	Raulerson	Williams, A.
Cruz	Lee	Ray	Wood
Cummings	Magar	Rehwinkel Vasilinda	Workman
Diaz, M.	Mayfield	Renuart	Young
Drake	McBurney	Richardson	
DuBose	McGhee	Roberson, K.	

Nays—None

(A list of excused members appears at the end of the *Journal*.)

A quorum was present.

## Pledge

The members, led by Major General Emmett Titshaw, Jr., Adjutant General of Florida at the invitation of Representative Workman, pledged allegiance to the Flag.

## Motion

On motion by Rep. Workman, the House agreed to advance to the order of House Resolutions and upon completion revert to the regular order of business.

## House Resolution

### Motion

Rep. Workman moved to waive the rules and take up **HR 9017**, and read the resolution a second time in full, which was agreed to.

**HR 9017**—A resolution honoring Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., Adjutant General of Florida, for his distinguished career of military service.

WHEREAS, a Jacksonville native, Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard following his graduation from Auburn University in 1970, received a direct commission that same year, received the Distinguished Graduate Award at Undergraduate Pilot Training, and was assigned as a Squadron Fighter Pilot in the 159th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Jacksonville, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw served in several assignments with the 125th Fighter Interceptor Group, later designated the 125th Fighter Wing, including Air Operations Officer, Fighter Squadron Commander, Deputy Commander of Operations, and Commander, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw served as Director of Operations and Chief of Staff of the Florida Air National Guard Headquarters, Battle Commander of the Combined Air Operations Center for the Continental North American Aerospace Defense Region, Deputy Commander of the Florida National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, Commander of the Joint Task Force Florida for Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, National Guard Advisor to the United States Air Force Chief of Staff, and Acting Director of the Air National Guard, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw is a member of the board of directors of the National Guard Association of the United States, serves as committee chair for the Air National Guard Force Structure and Modernization

Committee of the Adjutants General Association of the United States, and is a former voting member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw serves on the General Officer Advisory Councils for Counterdrug, the Cyber and Youth Challenge, and the Florida Defense Support Task Force, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw flew more than 4,500 hours in military aircraft, including the F-102, F-106, F-16, and F-15, and

WHEREAS, many distinguished decorations were earned by Major General Titshaw, including the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Florida Cross, Florida Distinguished Service Medal, and Florida Meritorious Service Medal, and

WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw assumed the duties of Adjutant General of Florida on June 26, 2010, and has contributed immeasurably to the readiness and well-being of the Florida National Guard, and

WHEREAS, Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., will end his distinguished 45-year career on March 29, 2015, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That, on behalf of a very grateful state, Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., is honored and extended heartfelt gratitude for his many sacrifices in protecting the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans and congratulated on his retirement from military service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

—was read the second time in full. On motion by Rep. Smith, the resolution was adopted.

#### Presentation of Special Guests

The Speaker recognized the following guests in the gallery: Major General Michael Calhoun and Gretchen, wife of General Emmett Titshaw, Jr. [standing ovation]

#### House Physician

The Speaker introduced the Honorable Cary Pigman, who served as Doctor of the Day.

#### Recognition of Members' Military Service

The Speaker recognized current members who are serving or served in the military.

#### Correction of the Journal

The Journals of March 5 and March 9, 2015, were corrected and approved as corrected.

### Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees

#### Reports of the Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee

*The Honorable Steve Crisafulli*  
*Speaker, House of Representatives*

March 5, 2015

*Dear Mr. Speaker:*

Your Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee herewith submits the Special Order for Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Consideration of the House bills on Special Orders shall include the Senate Companion measures on the House Calendar.

#### I. Consideration of the following bills:

HB 7027 - Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee, Eisnaugle  
Official Florida Statutes

SB 700 - Simmons  
Florida Statutes

HB 7029 - Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee, Eisnaugle  
Florida Statutes/General

SB 702 - Simmons  
Florida Statutes

HB 7031 - Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee, Eisnaugle  
Florida Statutes/Noncurrent Repeal or Expiration

SB 704 - Simmons  
Florida Statutes

HB 7033 - Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee, Eisnaugle  
Florida Statutes/Rulemaking

SB 706 - Simmons  
Florida Statutes

HB 7035 - Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee, Workman  
Presidential Preference Primary

CS/HB 7013 - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, Health &  
Human Services Committee, & others  
Adoption and Foster Care

A quorum was present in person, and a majority of those present agreed to the above Report.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ritch Workman*, Chair  
Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee

On motion by Rep. Workman, the above report was adopted.

### Special Orders

**HB 7027** was taken up. On motion by Rep. Eisnaugle, the House agreed to substitute SB 700 for HB 7027 and read SB 700 the second time by title. Under Rule 5.13, the House bill was laid on the table.

**SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2015 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2015 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the August 7-11, 2014, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2015 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the 2015 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and, under Rule 10.10(b), referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

**HB 7029** was taken up. On motion by Rep. Eisnaugle, the House agreed to substitute SB 702 for HB 7029 and read SB 702 the second time by title. Under Rule 5.13, the House bill was laid on the table.

**SB 702**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.45, 11.9336, 20.255, 27.366, 28.22205, 39.307, 39.524, 40.32, 61.13016, 112.31455, 163.32466, 189.074, 200.065,

212.0606, 285.18, 287.0595, 288.9934, 288.9936, 298.01, 316.545, 322.058, 327.391, 337.403, 339.041, 339.135, 339.2818, 348.753, 348.7546, 365.172, 373.223, 376.3072, 377.6015, 379.2495, 380.06, 381.78, 394.494, 394.495, 394.913, 397.333, 397.754, 397.92, 400.022, 403.067, 408.036, 408.061, 409.1678, 409.906, 409.966, 409.986, 409.987, 456.039, 456.074, 479.03, 479.16, 480.041, 480.043, 482.161, 487.2031, 499.84, 499.91, 499.92, 514.0115, 538.03, 570.07, 570.482, 597.020, 605.0712, 605.0805, 624.523, 625.1212, 626.0428, 627.062, 627.745, 627.797, 662.121, 662.122, 662.1225, 662.130, 662.141, 662.146, 662.147, 680.528, 721.13, 775.0862, 775.21, 775.25, 784.078, 787.02, 787.06, 921.1402, 940.031, 943.0435, 944.275, 960.03, 960.065, 961.06, 985.0301, 985.265, 1002.395, 1003.4203, 1003.4282, 1003.493, 1003.4935, 1003.51, 1003.5716, 1005.33, 1007.271, 1008.22, 1008.25, 1008.34, 1008.44, 1011.80, 1011.81, 1011.905, 1013.738, F.S.; reenacting and amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; reenacting ss. 288.001, 430.502, 509.032, 539.001, and 718.116, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; and confirming the restoration of provisions unintentionally omitted from republication in the acts of the Legislature during the amendatory process; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title and, under Rule 10.10(b), referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

#### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE IN THE CHAIR

**HB 7031** was taken up. On motion by Rep. Eisnaugle, the House agreed to substitute SB 704 for HB 7031 and read SB 704 the second time by title. Under Rule 5.13, the House bill was laid on the table.

**SB 704**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 88.7011, 120.745, 163.336, 218.077(5), 220.33(7), 253.01(2)(b), 288.106(4)(f), 339.08(1)(n), 381.0407, 403.709(1)(f), 409.911(10), 409.91211, 430.04(15), 430.502(10)-(12), 443.131(5), 624.351, 624.352, and 626.2815(7), F.S., and amending ss. 110.123, 339.135, 409.912, 409.9122, 576.061, 828.27, and 1002.32, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2015 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 409.91195, 409.91196, 409.962, 636.0145, 641.19, 641.225, and 641.386, F.S., to conform cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and, under Rule 10.10(b), referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

**HB 7033** was taken up. On motion by Rep. Eisnaugle, the House agreed to substitute SB 706 for HB 7033 and read SB 706 the second time by title. Under Rule 5.13, the House bill was laid on the table.

**SB 706**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 257.171, 257.193, 257.43, 394.4789, 394.495, 394.496, 394.497, 397.406, 397.407, 397.427, 397.471, 397.901, 397.96, 400.147, 401.113, 401.252, 401.34, 402.04, 402.47, 403.414, 403.7061, 403.763, 403.871, 403.873, 403.874, 403.876, 403.942, 406.11, 409.2598, 409.9102, 420.526, 420.527, 429.44, 467.0125, 467.013, 467.019, 468.1165, 468.307, 468.3851, 468.3852, 468.404, 468.435, 468.532, 468.8312, 468.8317, 468.8412, 476.214, 477.022, 479.07, 481.205, 502.121, and 509.035, F.S., and repealing s. 415.112, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and, under Rule 10.10(b), referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

**HB 7035**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the presidential preference primary; amending s. 103.101, F.S.; revising the date of the presidential preference primary; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and, under Rule 10.10(b), referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

**CS/HB 7013**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoption and foster care; amending s. 39.0016, F.S.; revising requirements for agreements between the Department of Children and Families and specified entities for the provision of educational services; amending s. 409.145, F.S.; revising roles and responsibilities of caregivers relating to educational settings; revising roles and responsibilities of the department, the community-based care lead agency, and other agency staff; amending s. 39.812, F.S.; requiring the community-based care lead agency to offer postadoptive assistance to the adoptive family within a specified time period after the adoption is finalized; creating s. 409.1662, F.S.; providing the purpose of the adoption incentive program; directing the Department of Children and Families to establish an adoption incentive program for certain agencies; requiring that the department conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of lead agencies' performance and compile annual data for the most recent 5 years of available data; providing a nonexclusive list of factors for the assessment to identify; requiring that the department negotiate outcome-based agreements; requiring that several factors be included in the agreement; requiring the department to allocate incentive payments; requiring a report; creating s. 409.1664, F.S.; defining terms; providing certain amounts payable to a qualifying adoptive employee who adopts specified children under certain circumstances subject to a specific appropriation to the department; providing prorated payments for a part-time employee and limiting the monetary benefit to one award per child; requiring that a qualifying adoptive employee apply to the agency head for the monetary benefit on forms approved by the department and include a certified copy of the final order of adoption; providing requirements for the approval of monetary benefits by the department; providing that the act does not preclude a qualifying adoptive employee from receiving any other assistance or incentive; requiring that parental leave for qualifying adoptive employees be provided; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to submit payment to a qualifying adoptive employee depending on where he or she works; requiring state agencies to develop uniform procedures for informing employees about this benefit and for assisting the department in making eligibility determinations and processing applications; creating s. 409.1666, F.S.; requiring the Governor to annually select and recognize certain individuals, families, or organizations for adoption achievement awards; requiring the department to define categories for the achievement awards and seek nominations for potential recipients; authorizing a direct-support organization established by the Office of Adoption and Child Protection to accept donations of products or services from private sources to be given to the recipients of the adoption achievement awards; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; requiring licensed child-placing agencies that provide adoption services for intercountry adoptions to meet specified requirements; requiring an adoption agency in this state which provides certain services to maintain records containing specified information; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Representative Fullwood offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 087987)

**Amendment 1 (with title amendment)**—Remove lines 70-272 and insert:  
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#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 2-10 and insert:  
An act relating to adoption and foster care;

Rep. Fullwood moved the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fullwood offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 753255)

**Substitute Amendment 1 (with title amendment)**—Remove lines 70-272

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 2-10 and insert:

An act relating to adoption and foster care;

Rep. Fullwood moved the adoption of the substitute amendment, which failed of adoption.

The question recurred on the adoption of **Amendment 1**, which failed of adoption.

Representative Brodeur offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 403745)

**Amendment 2 (with title amendment)**—Remove lines 276-279 and insert:

(6)(a) Once a child's adoption is finalized, the community-based care lead agency must make a reasonable effort to contact the adoptive family by telephone 1 year after the date of finalization of the adoption as a postadoption service. For purposes of this subsection, the term "reasonable effort" means the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the community-based care lead agency to make contact with the adoptive family. At a minimum, the agency must document the following:

1. The number of attempts made by the community-based care lead agency to contact the adoptive family and whether those attempts were successful;

2. The types of postadoption services that were requested by the adoptive family and whether those services were provided by the community-based care lead agency; and

3. Any feedback received by the community-based care lead agency from the adoptive family relating to the quality or effectiveness of the services provided.

(b) The community-based care lead agency must report annually to the department on the outcomes achieved and recommendations for improvement under this subsection.

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 12-14 and insert:

based care lead agency to contact by telephone the child's adoptive family within a specified period after the date that the adoption is finalized; defining the term "reasonable effort"; requiring the agency to document specified information; requiring the agency to submit a report annually to the department; creating

Rep. Brodeur moved the adoption of the amendment, which was adopted.

Representative Brodeur offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 913423)

**Amendment 3 (with title amendment)**—Remove lines 289-349 and insert:

incentive payment to community-based care lead agencies, as defined in s. 409.986, and their subcontracted providers that are involved in the adoption process, for achievement of specific and measureable adoption performance standards that lead to permanency, stability, and well-being for children.

(2) ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.—

(a) The department shall conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of the performance of lead agencies and subcontracted providers related to adoption of children from foster care. The assessment shall compile annual data for each of the most recent 5 years for which data is available. The department shall update the assessment annually. At a minimum, the assessment shall identify:

1. The number of families attempting to adopt children from foster care and the number of families completing the adoption process.

2. The number of children eligible for adoption and the number of children whose adoptions were finalized.

3. The amount of time eligible children waited for adoption.

4. The number of adoptions that resulted in disruption or dissolution and the subset of those disrupted adoptions that were preventable by the lead agency or the subcontracted provider.

5. The time taken to complete each phase of the adoption process.

6. The expenditures made to recruit adoptive homes and a description of any initiative to improve adoption performance or streamline the adoption process.

7. The results of any specific effort to gather feedback from prospective adoptive parents, adoptive parents, children in the child welfare system, adoptees, and other stakeholders.

8. The use of evidence-based, evidence-informed, promising, and innovative practices in recruitment, orientation, and preparation of appropriate adoptive families, matching children with families, supporting children during the adoption process, and providing post-adoptive support.

(b) Using the information from the baseline assessment, the department shall annually negotiate outcome-based agreements with lead agencies and their subcontracted providers. The agreements must establish measureable outcome targets to increase the number of adoptions resulting in permanent placements that enhance children's well-being. The agreements will define the method for measuring performance and for determining the level of performance required to earn the incentive payment, and the amount of the incentive payment which may be earned for each target.

(3) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

(a) The department shall allocate incentive payments to performance improvement targets in a manner that ensures that total payments do not exceed the amount appropriated for this purpose.

(b) The department shall ensure that the amount of the incentive payments are proportionate to the value of the performance improvement.

(4) REPORT.—The department shall report annually by November 15 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the negotiated targets set for, outcomes achieved by, and incentive payments made to each lead agency during the previous fiscal year. The report shall also discuss the program enhancements made by each lead agency and its subcontracted providers to achieve negotiated outcomes under this section.

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 18-27 and insert:

incentive program for certain agencies and subcontracted providers; requiring that the department conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of lead agencies' and subcontracted providers' performance and compile annual data for the most recent 5 years of available data; requiring the department to update the assessment annually; providing a nonexclusive list of factors for the assessment to identify; requiring that the department negotiate outcome-based agreements; requiring that several factors be included in the agreements; requiring the department to allocate incentive payments; requiring the department to report annually by a certain date specified information to the Governor and the Legislature; creating s. 409.1664,

Rep. Brodeur moved the adoption of the amendment, which was adopted.

Representative Richardson offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 936767)

**Amendment 4 (with title amendment)**—Between lines 349 and 350, insert:

Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 63.042, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63.042 Who may be adopted; who may adopt.—

~~(3) No person eligible to adopt under this statute may adopt if that person is a homosexual.~~

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 27 and insert:  
payments; requiring a report; amending s. 63.042, F.S.; repealing a prohibition on adoption by a homosexual person; creating s. 409.1664,

Rep. Richardson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Gaetz offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 720277)

**Substitute Amendment 4 (with title amendment)**—Between lines 166 and 167, insert:

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 63.042, Florida Statutes, is amended, subsection (4) is renumbered as subsection (3), and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

63.042 Who may be adopted; who may adopt.—

~~(3) No person eligible to adopt under this statute may adopt if that person is a homosexual.~~

~~(3)(4)~~ No person eligible under this section shall be prohibited from adopting solely because such person possesses a physical disability or handicap, unless it is determined by the court or adoption entity that such disability or handicap renders such person incapable of serving as an effective parent.

(4) No person eligible under this section shall be prohibited from adopting solely because he or she desires to educate the adopted child at home.

#### TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 6 and insert:  
services; amending s. 63.042, F.S.; deleting a prohibition against adoption by persons who are homosexual; specifying that a person may not be prohibited from adopting solely because he or she desires to educate the adopted child at home; amending s. 409.145, F.S.; revising roles

Rep. Gaetz moved the adoption of the substitute amendment, which was adopted.

Under Rule 10.10(b), the bill was referred to the Engrossing Clerk.

### Motion to Adjourn

Rep. Corcoran moved that the House, after receiving reports, adjourn for the purpose of holding committee and subcommittee meetings and conducting other House business, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2015, or upon call of the Chair. The motion was agreed to.

### First-named Sponsors

HB 319—Rehwinkel Vasilinda

HB 1183—Miller

### Cosponsors

HB 25—Pafford

CS/HB 35—Cummings

CS/HB 51—Pafford

CS/HB 99—J. Rodríguez

HB 129—Pafford

HB 131—Rooney

HB 225—Baxley

HB 231—Baxley

HB 259—Eisnaugle

HB 275—Miller

HB 309—Pilon

CS/HB 369—Pafford

CS/HB 493—Baxley

CS/HB 549—R. Rodrigues

HB 569—Sullivan

HB 589—Pafford

HB 633—Eisnaugle, R. Rodrigues

HB 649—R. Rodrigues

HM 727—R. Rodrigues

HB 735—Pilon

HB 743—Sullivan

HB 797—Ahern

HB 811—Cruz

HB 863—Gaetz, Rouson

HB 877—Drake, Sullivan

HB 1057—Pafford

HB 1121—Drake, Eagle, R. Rodrigues

HB 1135—Pafford

HB 1195—Baxley, Cruz, Jenne

HB 1299—Narain, Rehwinkel Vasilinda

HB 1303—Pafford

HB 3507—Pafford

HB 4005—Smith

CS/HB 7003—Mayfield, Metz, Raburn, Spano

HCR 8001—Pafford

HR 9011—B. Cortes, Metz, Murphy, Van Zant

HR 9017—Ahern, Metz, Porter

## First Reading of Committee and Subcommittee Substitutes by Publication

By the Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Representative **Edwards**—

**CS/HB 171**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S., providing a public records exemption for information furnished to a state, county, or municipal government agency for use in an emergency information gathering system; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing restrictions on the collection of certain information regarding firearms; providing penalties for violations of such restrictions; providing an effective date.

First reading by publication (Art. III, s. 7, Florida Constitution).

By the Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee; Representative **Combee**—

**CS/HB 223**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 1004.097, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for identifying information of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting or otherwise disclosing identifying information of such applicants; requiring that closed meetings be reasonably noticed and recorded; providing that the recordings of closed portions of a meeting are exempt from public records requirements; specifying that any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of establishing the qualifications of, or any compensation framework to be offered to, potential applicants is subject to public meetings requirements; specifying that the identifying information of final applicants is no longer exempt from public records and public meetings requirements within a specified period before a final action or vote; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

First reading by publication (Art. III, s. 7, Florida Constitution).

By the Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Representative **K. Roberson**—

**CS/HB 825**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family trust companies; amending s. 662.102, F.S.; revising the purposes of the Family Trust Company Act; providing legislative findings; amending s. 662.111, F.S.; redefining the term "officer"; creating s. 662.113, F.S.; specifying the applicability of other chapters of the financial institutions codes to family trust companies; providing that the section does not limit the authority of the Office of Financial Regulation to investigate an entity to ensure that it does not violate of chapter 662, F.S., or applicable provisions of the financial institutions codes; amending s. 662.120, F.S.; revising the ancestry requirements for designated relatives of a licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.1215, F.S.; revising the requirements for investigations of license applicants by the Office of Financial Regulation; amending s. 662.122, F.S.; revising the requirements for registration of a family trust company and a foreign licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.1225, F.S.; requiring a foreign licensed family trust company to be in compliance with the family trust laws and regulations in its jurisdiction; specifying the date by which family trust companies must be registered or licensed or, if not registered or licensed, cease doing business in this state; amending s. 662.123, F.S.; revising the types of amendments to

organizational documents which must have prior approval by the office; amending s. 662.128, F.S.; extending the deadline for the filing of, and revising the requirements for, specified license and registration renewal applications; amending s. 662.132, F.S.; revising the authority of specified family trust companies while acting as fiduciaries to purchase certain bonds and securities; revising the prohibition against the purchase of certain bonds or securities by specified family trust companies; amending s. 662.141, F.S.; revising the purposes for which the office may examine or investigate a family trust company that is not licensed and a foreign licensed family trust company; deleting the requirement that the office examine a family trust company that is not licensed and a foreign licensed family trust company; providing that the office may rely upon specified documentation that identifies the qualifications of beneficiaries as permissible recipients of family trust company services; deleting a provision that authorizes the office to accept an audit by a certified public accountant in lieu of an examination by the office; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules establishing specified requirements for family trust companies; amending s. 662.142, F.S.; deleting a provision that authorizes the office to immediately revoke the license of a licensed family trust company under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which the office may enter an order revoking the license of a licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.143, F.S.; revising the acts that may result in the entry of a cease and desist order against specified family trust companies and affiliated parties; amending s. 662.144, F.S.; authorizing a family trust company to have its terminated registration or revoked license reinstated under certain circumstances; revising the timeframe for a family trust company to wind up its affairs under certain circumstances; requiring the deposit of certain fees and fines in the Financial Institutions' Regulatory Trust Fund; amending s. 662.145, F.S.; revising the office's authority to suspend a family trust company-affiliated party who is charged with a specified felony or to restrict or prohibit the participation of such party in certain financial institutions; s. 662.150, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 662.151, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

First reading by publication (Art. III, s. 7, Florida Constitution).

## Reference

**CS/CS/HB 217**—Referred to the Calendar of the House.

**HB 1327**—Referred to the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee and Local & Federal Affairs Committee.

**HB 1329**—Referred to the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee and Local & Federal Affairs Committee.

**HB 3557**—Referred to the Civil Justice Subcommittee and Judiciary Committee.

**HB 7037**—Referred to the Education Appropriations Subcommittee and Education Committee.

**HB 7039**—Referred to the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and Economic Affairs Committee.

**HB 7041**—Referred to the Government Operations Subcommittee and Economic Affairs Committee.

**HB 7043**—Referred to the Education Appropriations Subcommittee and Education Committee.

**HB 7045**—Referred to the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee and Health & Human Services Committee.

**HB 7047**—Referred to the Insurance & Banking Subcommittee and Health & Human Services Committee.

**HB 7049**—Referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 7051**—Referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 7053**—Referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 7055**—Referred to the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and Economic Affairs Committee.

**HB 7057**—Referred to the Education Committee.

**HB 7069**—Referred to the Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

## House Resolutions Adopted by Publication

At the request of Rep. Renuart—

**HR 9011**—A resolution honoring the Florida National Guard and designating March 10, 2015, as "Florida National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, as the military arm of the Governor and the people of the State of Florida, in times of crisis or emergency, the Florida National Guard stands ready to immediately respond to a call from the Governor, and

WHEREAS, tracing its roots to the first militia units of the United States formed in 1565 to protect St. Augustine, the Florida National Guard boasts approximately 12,000 highly trained and skilled men and women who serve as soldiers and airmen in today's modern guard, and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard and their families willingly make sacrifices during times of hurricanes, fires, floods, and other natural disasters, and since the attack on our nation on September 11, 2001, more than 17,200 members have responded to the call of federal active duty, serving domestically and around the world in contingency operations, and

WHEREAS, in the largest deployment of the National Guard since World War II, the men and women of the Florida National Guard responded without reservation, serving with distinction and honor for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and other contingencies, affirming the propriety of the recognition they so richly merit for their faithful and successful service and for the well-placed trust of the residents of this state, and

WHEREAS, employers of the men and women of the Florida National Guard have made significant sacrifices to conduct business during their service, while still providing jobs for those soldiers and airmen when they return home, and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Florida National Guard are currently involved in hundreds of community service projects across the state each day while preparing for their federal duty, upholding the Florida National Guard's mission to provide military units and personnel ready to support United States national security objectives; protect life and property; preserve peace, order, and public safety; and contribute to such national, state, and local programs that add value to the United States of America and the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That in honor of the significant contributions and consistent readiness of the Florida National Guard and to gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of its dedicated soldiers and airmen, March 10, 2015, is designated as "Florida National Guard Day" in the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., Adjutant General of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

—was read and adopted by publication pursuant to Rule 10.17.

## Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees

### Received March 10:

The Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 171 with committee substitute

The above committee substitute was transmitted to the Office of the Speaker, subject to referral under Rule 7.19(c). Under the rule, HB 171 was laid on the table.

The Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 223 with committee substitute

The above committee substitute was transmitted to the Office of the Speaker, subject to referral under Rule 7.19(c). Under the rule, HB 223 was laid on the table.

The Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 225

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Local & Federal Affairs Committee.

The Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 237

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 441

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Health & Human Services Committee.

The Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 523

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

The Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 529

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Finance & Tax Committee.

The Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 535

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Government Operations Subcommittee.

The Health Innovation Subcommittee reported the following unfavorably:

HB 601

The above bill was laid on the table.

The Local Government Affairs Subcommittee reported the following favorably:  
HB 647

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Government Operations Subcommittee.

The Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee reported the following favorably:  
CS/HB 703

The above committee substitute was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Regulatory Affairs Committee.

The Health Innovation Subcommittee reported the following favorably:  
HB 749

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Insurance & Banking Subcommittee.

The Insurance & Banking Subcommittee reported the following favorably:  
HB 825 with committee substitute

The above committee substitute was transmitted to the Office of the Speaker, subject to referral under Rule 7.19(c). Under the rule, HB 825 was laid on the table.

The Local Government Affairs Subcommittee reported the following favorably:  
HB 861

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Finance & Tax Committee.

The Insurance & Banking Subcommittee reported the following favorably:

HB 987

The above bill was transmitted to the next committee or subcommittee of reference, the Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee.

### **Excused**

Reps. Caldwell, M. Jones, S. Jones, Latvala

### **Adjourned**

Pursuant to the motion previously agreed to, the House adjourned at 3:51 p.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2015, or upon call of the Chair.

### **Pages and Messengers for the week of March 9-13, 2015**

Pages—Natalie Andrews, Monticello; Kelyce Allen, Daytona Beach; Morganna Bernard, Miami; A'Nylah Cobb, Tallahassee; Lauren Collins, Tallahassee; Nathaniel Collins, Maitland; Radford Fant, Jacksonville; Cassie Hetrick, Tallahassee; Lindny Jean-Pierre, North Miami Beach; A'Royri Knight, Tampa; Lauryn Louis, Miami; Mackenzie Meredith, Pensacola; Chloe Murphy, Tampa; A'Kyras O'Banner, Tallahassee; Abigail Reichenberg, San Antonio, Texas; Abigail Russell, Crawfordville; Robert Snively, Lithia.

Messengers—Emily Adkins, Fernandina Beach; Shane Baldetti, Deerfield Beach; Gabriela Brissett, North Lauderdale; Nishanth Chalasani, Port St. Lucie; Julian Fant, Jacksonville; Jordan Groesbeck, New Port Richey; Sarah Harrison, Tampa; Nicholas Longordo, Tallahassee; Daniel Posada, Tampa; AnneMarie Russell, Crawfordville; Demario Scott, St. Petersburg; Maya Weissman, Clermont; Serenity Williams, Tallahassee.



**JOINT SESSION***(Tuesday, March 3, 2015)*

Pursuant to **HCR 8003**, the members of the Senate, escorted by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House, were seated in the Chamber. The President and President Pro Tempore joined the Speaker and Speaker *pro tempore* at the rostrum. The Secretary joined the Clerk at the front desk.

**Arrival of the Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet**

The Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Lieutenant Governor; the Honorable Pam Bondi, Attorney General; the Honorable Jeffrey H. "Jeff" Atwater, Chief Financial Officer; the Honorable Adam H. Putnam, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and members of the Cabinet, were escorted into the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms of the House and seated.

**Arrival of Supreme Court**

Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Justice Charles T. Canady, Justice Ricky Polston, and Justice James E.C. Perry were escorted into the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and seated.

The Speaker presented the gavel to the Honorable Andy Gardiner, President of the Senate, asking him to preside over the Joint Session.

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRESIDING**

A quorum of the Joint Session was declared present.

**Prayer**

The following prayer was offered by the Honorable Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones:

Dear God, we thank You today. We thank You for life, health, strength, and the opportunity to stand here in this Chamber representing the people of the great state of Florida. Dear God, we come to You today, on this opening day of the 2015 Legislative Session asking for Your guidance—guidance in every aspect of this process, guidance in the decisions we will make, guidance to what we will say, and guidance on how to handle tough situations. Dear God, today we put politics aside and we put the people first. Show us the true meaning of what it means to work together in harmony. Yes, we will have our differences. Yes, we will have our disagreements, but show us how to disagree without being disagreeable.

We pray for the leadership of this state. We pray for our Governor, Rick Scott, his wife, and his family. Give him the strength he needs to make decisions that will be in the best interest of everyone, leading us to be a model state across this United States of America. We pray for our Speaker of the House and our Senate President, who will both lead our chambers. Allow them to lead standing firm, allow them to lead and be fair. We pray for every Senator and every House member individually and collectively.

Last but not least, God, we pray for our families. Lord, we know with service comes a great sacrifice. Week after week we will leave our families, so, dear God, protect our families while each member is away. Give each spouse, son, daughter, father, and mother the strength they need these next sixty days to lift us up. For we know it's hard to do this process without family by our side. So, today we thank You for the presence of our families. We consider these days the best sixty days to come, because we know that You do all things well. Dear Lord, thank You for hearing our prayer today. We consider it done, in Christ's name. Amen.

**Pledge**

The members, led by the following, pledged allegiance to the flag: Senate President Pro Tempore Garrett Richter and House Speaker *pro tempore* Matt Hudson.

**Soloist**

The Speaker introduced Jeanne Plakon, who sang "America the Beautiful" at the invitation of her father, Rep. Plakon. [standing ovation]

**Committee to the Governor**

On motion by Rep. Corcoran, the President appointed Senators Bradley (Co-Chair), Benacquisto, Braynon, Simpson, and Thompson, and on behalf of the Speaker, appointed Representatives Fresen (Co-Chair), Cruz, Kerner, Murphy, Wood, and Van Zant as a joint committee to notify the Governor that the Legislature had assembled to receive his message. The committee retired to execute its responsibility. The committee was accompanied by the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

**Introduction of Special Guests**

President Gardiner recognized the following guests: First Lady of the Florida House, Mrs. Kristin Crisafulli; [standing ovation] and First Lady of the Senate, Mrs. Camille Gardiner. [standing ovation]

**Recessed**

The House stood in informal recess at 11:15 a.m., to reconvene upon the call of the Chair.

**Reconvened**

The House was called to order by President Gardiner at 11:25 a.m.

**Presentation of the Governor**

Upon announcement by the Sergeant at Arms of the House, the committee escorted Governor Scott to the rostrum. [standing ovation]

President Gardiner presented Governor Scott. [applause]

**Governor's Address**

Good morning. President Gardiner, Speaker Crisafulli, distinguished members of the Florida Legislature—welcome Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, Chief Justice Labarga, and members of the Florida Supreme Court. [applause] I'd like to recognize my wonderful wife, Ann. [applause] It's hard to believe, but we've now been married for almost 43 years. We have two daughters, two wonderful son-in-laws, and three grandchildren. We have absolutely been blessed. I love you very much. [applause]

So now it's time to start another State of the State speech, or as I would like to call it, a chance to show off my world-renowned oratorical skills. [laughter] I guess I'm not sure if I'm glad you got that as a joke, but you did. [laughter]

I want to start off today by talking about what unites us—a love for our great state. Like me, I know all of you don't have to be in these jobs. No one forced you to take these jobs; you signed up for service, and many of you worked very, very, very hard to get here. And like me, you wanted to work for the people of Florida, because you know we are absolutely the best state in the country. [applause] Certainly, we all have our own ideas and we're going to debate with vigor, but I do believe that it is important to

acknowledge that we all have common goals for the families that live in our great state. We want every person in this state to have the opportunity to live the dream of America. [applause] I believe we are in the best place in the country and the world to make dreams come true. I call this Florida Exceptionalism.

Let me just take a minute to brag about our great state, which I know you love to do just as much as I do. These are some of the successes created by the great people in our great state. In the last four years, the unemployment rate in Florida has dropped in half, [applause] from 11.1 to 5.6 percent—the second biggest drop in unemployment in the entire United States. We have added 728,000 new private sector jobs. We have 279,000 job openings right now in Florida. In the last year, around 250,000 people moved to our state, making us the third biggest state in the country, bigger than New York. From 1992 to 2011, Florida inherited 100 billion dollars in adjusted gross income from other states. This is more than one-eighth of our entire annual GDP. Last year, we had our fourth record year of tourism—97.3 million people visited our state. So our investment in Visit Florida is clearly working and as we all know, every eighty-five tourists adds another job in Florida.

We have fifteen seaports, so we've made major investments in our ports, and it's actually working. We've added over 150,000 trade jobs in the last four years. We have made significant investments in our airports, which has helped bring record numbers of tourists to our state. Enterprise Florida has won over four hundred competitive projects—companies like Hertz, Navy Federal Credit Union. We are a right-to-work state. We are the gateway to Latin America. We are the number two state in the country for trade infrastructure. Number two for aerospace and aviation establishments. We are the second-best state for business by *CEO* magazine and we will absolutely soon be number one. [applause]

We are home to over 250 languages. We are at a 43-year-low in our crime rate. We are absolutely the best melting pot in the world. Housing prices are up and taxes are down. We have cut taxes more than 40 times in the last four years. [applause] We have no personal income tax and the average person in Florida only pays about \$1,800 in state taxes, which is the lowest of all 50 states. We have the lowest number of state workers per capita in the country and we are going to continue to look for ways to look for more productivity gains. Our LLCs and Subchapter S corporations don't pay a business tax and over 80% of our C corporations don't pay the business tax. We have reduced the taxes on our small businesses, and for the first time since Governor Martinez was in office, we have reduced the state debt, which we've cut it by \$7.5 billion. [applause]

Our fourth graders are number two in the world in reading. The National Council for Teacher Quality says we have the best equipped teachers in the nation for two surveys in a row. [applause] Our state colleges offer 10,000-dollar degrees in areas where our students can get a job. When we held the line on tuition last year, the cost of our Florida Prepaid dropped in half. [applause]

Florida is an exceptional place. As far back as the 1800s, people were moving to Florida to make their dreams come true. In 1851, a doctor and researcher in north Florida received a patent for a refrigeration invention—he was experimenting with ways to cool a room for his patients to make them more comfortable. Today, we know this man as the father of air conditioning and without John Gorrie's invention, the beauty of Florida wouldn't be home to almost 20 million people today. [applause]

In 1878, Henry Flagler moved to Florida and began dreaming big. He saw beautiful beaches that were warm year-round, and when people told him there wasn't any way people up north would come down here, he was bold enough to build a railway to get them here and hotels for them to stay in. We now have the vibrant cities of Palm Beach and Miami thanks to the dreams of Henry Flagler over 100 years ago.

In the middle of the Great Depression, George Jenkins, Jr., left his job at a grocery store and decided he would open up his own store. I'm sure many people thought Mr. Jenkins was crazy, but he had a dream. Today, his chain

of stores employs 127,000 Floridians and is the largest employee-owned company in the entire United States. We know it as Publix. [applause]

Of course, we all know about the dreams of Walt Disney. He never lived in Florida, but he dreamed up Disney World, which opened in 1971 and put Florida on the map to be the worldwide tourist destination we are today.

Florida has long been a place where dreams come true. But this is not just our past, it's our future. We have to ask ourselves, who has the next big dream for Florida? Who are the inventors? Who are the builders? Who are the trailblazers? We want more people to chase their dreams in the great state of Florida. [applause]

In fact, some of the people whose dreams are changing the world are with us today. Please help me welcome Richard Gonzmart. Richard is the President of the Columbia Group in Tampa, Florida's oldest restaurant. Congratulations. [applause]

Mary Ann Carroll, a world renowned artist from Florida, unfortunately couldn't be with us today. Mary Ann began selling her paintings in the 1950s along Fort Pierce's roadsides. As an African American, she was not allowed into any galleries at the time. But, with her 60-year career of hard work and many struggles, Mary Ann now promotes the beauty of our state through her artwork hanging in galleries and museums all across the world. [applause]

Please help me welcome theme park designer Bill Coan, President of ITEC Entertainment Corporation in Orlando. Bill has designed theme parks and attractions all over the world, including Daytona USA. Congratulations, Bill. [applause]

And finally, I'd like to welcome meteorologist and storm chaser, Gladys Rubio. Gladys is living the American Dream. Gladys and her husband, Jose, moved to Miami from Cuba in the 1990s for a better life. Today, Gladys tracks giant storms across the world at the National Hurricane Center for Spanish-language audiences in the United States and the Caribbean. [applause]

Florida is an exceptional place. Every one of you has dreamed big and helped make our state great. I am now a proud grandfather and I think a lot about how we can make Florida the place where our children's and our grandchildren's dreams come true. In order to be a land where dreams come true, I believe we have to absolutely out-compete the world. There are five ways we can do that. First, let's keep cutting taxes. [applause] Floridians can spend their money better than government can. [applause] Let me say that again, Floridians can spend their money better than government can. [applause] I have recommended cutting the tax on cell phones and TVs for every Florida family, so they can save around \$43 a year for spending as little as \$100 a month on cell phones and TV bills combined. I've also recommended that we permanently end the sales tax on manufacturing equipment so more companies will make major capital investments in the great state of Florida. Businesses can spend their money and create jobs better than government can. [applause]

I recommended that we get rid of the state sales tax on college textbooks because getting a higher education degree must become more affordable. [applause] Students can spend their money better than government can. [applause] It shouldn't require a federal loan and decades of debt for students to get a college degree. Price limits access, plain and simple. If we are going to out-compete the world, the second thing we must do is we've got to make higher education more affordable. I want to work with you this year to pass a college affordability bill that will hold the line on graduate school tuition and bring transparency to university costs. [applause] Just like any business, we should expect education to become more affordable every year, not more expensive. Let's never again say that we have to raise tuition because tuition in other states is higher than ours. We don't raise taxes when other states have taxes higher than ours, and we shouldn't raise tuition when tuition is higher in other states than ours.

Third, to out-compete the world, we must invest in workforce development. Our recommended investments this year include \$30 million for high-skill workforce training; \$20 million for advanced workforce training at our tech centers; \$5 million to incentivize \$10,000 STEM degrees at our state colleges; and \$1 million to create a paid summer residency program for STEM teachers.

Fourth, if we are going to out-compete the world, we must invest in K-12 education. [applause] This year, we're recommending an increase in K-12 funding to \$50 above the historic level to \$7,176 per student. [applause] Four years ago, I stood before you and said we would have to make some hard decisions. And, we did. We made reductions that dipped into education, knowing that when the economy improved we could invest again. Many of these decisions were unpopular, but by living within our means it created an environment for success. Few thought four years ago that we could add 728,000 jobs, have the highest funding for education, and invest in our environment just four years later. But we did it together and we have more work to do.

Now that our economy is thriving, it is time to make major investments in education. Let's not squander our budget surpluses on special interests. Our budget should absolutely reflect the principles we campaigned on, or in other words we should do exactly what we told voters we would do. [applause]

The final thing we must do to out-compete the world is keep Florida beautiful. Florida is an exceptional place, we have the economy and we have the opportunity to keep it that way. Our recommended budget includes more than \$3 billion for environmental and agricultural programs which includes a total of \$150 million in funding to protect the Everglades and another \$150 million that will help protect land for the Florida panther. It is important to point out that our recommended budget is \$82 million more above what is required by Amendment 1.

The goals I have outlined to out-compete the world are bold. I have met with many of you over the last few months and I know we share the exact same vision. We want Florida to be the best place in the world for our children and our grandchildren to live their dreams. We agree on more than we disagree on. We want to give families back more of the money they earn and reduce the burden of government. In the weeks ahead, I expect some people will try to divide us. They will try to distract us. But, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, I

believe we can come together with our shared desires to improve this great state. Many of our shared goals are already outlined in your Work Plan 2015. Members of the Senate, members of the House, I commit to all of you that I will be a tireless partner in your fight to make Florida the best place in the world for all of our children and all of our grandchildren to get a great job and live their dreams. [applause]

I believe that our rich history is only a glimpse of what we can do in the future. Everything is possible in Florida. We are now in the lead and it is ours to lose. We have to avoid any temptation to stand down or rest on our laurels. And, of course, even with our tremendous progress, there are still some Floridians who have not yet found their opportunity. Having grown up in a family that was at times down on our luck, I know the importance of each and every family having an opportunity. Remembering those tough times drives me every day to do all I can do to give each and every Florida citizen the chance to realize their individual dreams. Government cannot guarantee outcomes for everyone, but we should all be united in our desire to guarantee opportunities for everyone who is willing to work hard. I'm looking forward to working side-by-side with you during this session to achieve our shared goals, inspire future generations to dream, and keep Florida working.

God bless America and God bless the exceptional state of Florida. Thank You. [standing ovation]

Following his address, Governor Scott was escorted from the Chamber by the committee. The members of the Supreme Court were escorted from the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. The Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet members were escorted from the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

### Motion

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Joint Session was dissolved at 11:54 a.m., and the Senators were escorted from the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

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